

Promises to modify her submarine campaign

In his semi-official capacity Col. House has followed the example of Mr. Page, but his confidential advice to President Wilson is understood to have been completely frank and not calculated to help Germany's side of the submarine controversy. Col. House is a great admirer of Ambassador Page and got his view on the submarine question just before reporting to President Wilson.

There are a few pertinent facts which have greatly influenced Ambassador Page in reaching his conclusions about Germany's submarine warfare. One of them is directly connected with the sinking of the Lusitania and got his view on the submarine question just before reporting to President Wilson.

Mr. Page, after receiving the American survivors and relatives of American victims when the first trainloads arrived at Boston Station in London, conducted a kind of information bureau at the American Embassy for the benefit of Americans seeking lost members of their families.

To assist this work the Ambassador had sent to him enlarged photographs of the bodies of every American man, woman and child recovered from the water after the Lusitania went down. These gruesome exhibits were at the Embassy for weeks, and the Ambassador, aided by the Ambassador or embassy attaches, went over them trying to recognize among the distorted features some friend or relative.

Mr. Page's estimate of Germany's submarine campaign against passenger ships was formed during those days. His private opinion, which he has expressed to President Wilson, is that it is the "most inhuman crime of modern times." Col. House is reported to be one of those who have heard this expression from the Ambassador's lips.

Some of Wilson's Friends Voted.

The effect of Col. House's advice to the President is said to have displeased certain friends of the Administration who believe the President should seek a compromise with Berlin under any circumstances, but the President is understood to be most firmly convinced of the question of protecting American rights and means to see that these rights are protected.

Germany's disavowal of responsibility in the Sussex disaster draws attention here on the evidence which has been collected indicating that a German submarine was responsible for the sinking of the liner. The President's official advisers said the evidence of a submarine attack was irrefragable.

Further details of the American case will reach here after the American liner St. Paul arrives at New York. This evidence will, it is expected, be corroborated by the American case according to officials at the White House.

3 BRITISH SHIPS SUNK.

Crews of All Are Saved Except Nine.

LONDON, April 8.—Three more British vessels were reported today by Lloyd's to have been destroyed.

The steamship *Bratton* of 4,575 tons and the schooner *Clyde* of 204 tons were blown up. Their crews were saved. The steamship *Chantala* of 4,919 tons has been sunk. Nine of her crew were drowned. The remainder have been landed.

The Dutch steamship *Rijndijk*, reported damaged yesterday, struck a mine off the Sicily Islands, but managed to make port with her holds full of water. She was bound from Portland for Rotterdam.

The steamship *Bratton*, which was built in 1911 and owned at Cardiff, was last reported as having arrived at Spezia, Italy, on December 15 from Philadelphia. The movement of the schooner *Clyde* of Whitstable, which was built in 1871, are not reported.

The steamship *Chantala*, which was built in 1912 and owned at Cardiff, was in London on March 19. She was due to sail for Calcutta.

DENIAL BY GERMANY.

Dutch Steamship Not Torpedoed by U. Boat, Says Berlin.

LONDON, April 8.—Germany has notified Holland that the Dutch steamship *Palemon* was not torpedoed by a German submarine last month, according to a despatch to Reuters from The Hague.

It was said that no German submarine was near the *Palemon* last month, where the vessel was sunk at the time of the explosion.

Denies British Operate U. Boat.

LONDON, April 8.—The following statement was issued here officially today:

"A statement has appeared in a Dutch newspaper to the effect that a captain of a Dutch mail boat has confirmed by cable that he saw captured German submarines in the Thames under command of British officers. This is a sheer invention."

Arena Torpedoed Without Warning.

COPENHAGEN, April 8.—The Norwegian steamship *Arena*, which was recently reported to have been sunk, was torpedoed without warning, the Norwegian Consul at Rotterdam has reported to his Government after an investigation.

SAYS KAISER HEADS LARGE PEACE PARTY

Well Informed Neutral Quoted as Saying Crown Prince Forces War.

LONDON, April 8.—The *Weekly Dispatch* quotes "a well informed neutral" who has just left Berlin, as saying that there is a large party in Germany which is desirous of peace and that this party is headed by the Kaiser.

Besides the Kaiser others who are known to desire peace, the neutral says, are Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Herr Ballin, Dr. Dernburg, Prof. Debrunck and Herr von Jagow.

The party wishing to go on with the war at any cost, the neutral says, are Grand Admiral von Tirpitz and General Falkenhayn, Hindenburg and Mackensen, but the main support of the party is the Crown Prince.

The terms on which the Kaiser, the civil government and the industrial classes would be glad to make peace, according to the neutral, are autonomy for Poland, evacuation of conquered territory in Belgium, France, Serbia and Montenegro, restitution of German colonies, recognition of the German coalition stations in various parts of the world and greater facilities for German shipping.

SALONICA ATTACK IS NEAR.

Germans and Bulgarians Preparing—French Have a Success.

ROME, April 8.—The *Times* correspondent of the *Tribuna* announces that preparations are being made by the Germans and Bulgarians against the allied position at Salonica. The German and Bulgarian troops have been transferred from Nish to Monastir. The Bulgarians are building roads for artillery.

A squadron of German cavalry and a detachment of infantry occupied the heights commanding the village of Potos, but the French drove them out after a sharp encounter.

Meat Cards in Wurttemberg.

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The Week in the War.

SUNDAY, April 2.—Zeppelin destroyed in raid on British coast in which twenty-eight are killed. Germans capture Vaux in night attacks. Five neutral and one British ship sunk within twenty-four hours by mines or torpedoes.

MONDAY, April 3.—Two more air raids made by Zeppelins on British coast. Russians renew attacks on Dwinsk. Germans follow up successes at Vaux by fresh attacks.

TUESDAY, April 4.—Holland, fearing violation of neutrality, gathers her army. French make counter attacks at Vaux. Germans prepare for big offensive on Russian front.

WEDNESDAY, April 5.—British Chancellor proposes biggest budget in history with many new taxes. Holland masses troops on German border opposite German forces. French drive back big attack north of Verdun.

THURSDAY, April 6.—Germans make fifth Zeppelin raid in six days on British coast. British relief force in Mesopotamia captures Unmeh-Hanna, twenty-three miles from Kut-el-Amara. German Chancellor denies Germany desires territory in America; says submarine war must continue.

FRIDAY, April 7.—Fifty drowned when British steamship *Zent* is torpedoed without warning. Germans take Haucourt, west of the Meuse. British force in Mesopotamia takes Felebe in advance toward Kut-el-Amara.

SATURDAY, April 8.—French repulse new German drive near Haucourt with great loss to Germans. Russians resume onslaughts against Von Hindenburg's centre on East front. Austrians capture ridge from Italians near Monte Cristabel.

ALLIES PLAN CHECK ON GERMANY'S TRADE OF ITALIAN ATTACK

Conference in Paris on April 20 Will Devise Restrictions for After the War.

PARIS, April 8.—It has been decided to hold the economic conference of the Allies in Paris on four days beginning April 20.

President Poincaré will preside over the first session, the delegates to which will be important governmental officials, including Cabinet officers, of the allied Powers.

Although economic and commercial problems will be considered by the conference, its chief business will be the studying of a tariff system providing for exchange of commodities among the Allies under the most favorable terms.

It is believed that Premier Hughes of Australia will be the most advanced advocate of a tariff system establishing minimum rates among the allied countries and their colonies, reasonable rates for nations now neutral and very high rates against the countries now hostile to the Allies.

Among the other important subjects to be considered are:

A general understanding concerning such legislation as the execution of contracts, sequestration of goods, the recovery of credits, etc., which is intended to regulate the commercial relations between the belligerents.

Reparation of war damages.

Preventive measures against the invasion after the war of the allied countries by German products.

Measures to reduce the circulation of metallic money through an international system of compensation and postal check system.

Reduction of postal, telegraphic and telephone rates among the Allies.

Creation of an international patent office among the Allies.

Agreements concerning the international transportation of commodities.

The commercial administration of the allied colonies.

International laws concerning stock companies.

Uniformity of laws concerning false designation of merchandise.

Legislation concerning the loss or theft of bonds payable.

ITALIANS DROP BACK.

Evacuate Cristallo Line to Avoid Useless Loss in Heavy Fire.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

ROME, April 8.—The following official statement was issued today by the Italian War Office:

Artillery and small detachments were active on the whole front. In the Cristallo zone the enemy concentrated the fire of numerous batteries against the recently conquered Rancidel positions. To avoid useless losses we evacuated the most advanced line.

In the Carnic Alps a small attack against the *Monte Nero* was repulsed. Our artillery dispersed columns marching in the *Valentina* and *Kronhof* valleys.

In the *Monte Nero* zone the enemy launched a surprise attack against one of our positions. We promptly counter-attacked and put him to flight. He left seventy-six prisoners, including two officers, and a machine gun.

In the *Globina* sector we attacked and made prisoners of an advance post.

TURK CRUISER HIT IN FIGHT.

Midell Put Out of Action in Black Sea, Says Despatch.

LONDON, April 8.—A wireless despatch from Rome states that the Turkish cruiser *Midell*, which was formerly the German cruiser *Breslau*, was hit by a shell during a battle with the *Bosphorus*. She was put out of action.

ALLIES HONOR KING ALBERT.

But Germany Prohibits Celebration of Birthday in Belgium.

LONDON, April 8.—Numerous entertainments took place in London and Paris today in honor of the forty-first birthday of King of the Belgians. All money raised by the entertainments was given to the Belgian Relief Fund.

The German military authorities issued strict orders prohibiting celebrations in Belgium, according to Amsterdam despatches.

DROPS ALLIED AEROPLANE.

Capt. Buddard Attacks Eight Fliers on Dardanelles Front.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8.—This official statement was issued today by the Turkish War Office:

On the Mesopotamian front there were no events of importance.

On the Caucasian front unimportant encounters occurred among reconnoitering parties in various sectors. In these fights we took prisoner fifty Russians.

On the Dardanelles front on April 4 eight enemy aeroplanes flew over the *Capitani* and *Barbaros* attacked them and shot down one, which fell into the sea and sank.

OAKMAN TAKEN TO CALAIS.

New Yorker, Wounded in France, Awaits Arrival of Parents.

LONDON, April 8.—Lieut. Walter G. Oakman, Jr., of New York, who has been serving in the Grenadier Guards since nearly the beginning of the war, has been brought to Calais on his way to England. He was wounded recently in the fighting in France. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Oakman, are on a ship which is due to arrive tomorrow.

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Dr. Liebknecht Reported to Have Defied Bethmann-Hollweg in Reichstag.

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COPENHAGEN, via London, April 8.—The organ of the Danes living in Schleswig, which is published at Flensburg, gives an interesting account of the interruptions of Dr. Liebknecht in the Reichstag during the address of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

When the Chancellor declared, "Our enemies chose war," Dr. Liebknecht rose and shouted, "Lieb! You chose it!" Whereupon there were shouts from other members of "Dirty dog!" "Blackguard!" &c.

Later the Chancellor said: "We want peace, but we cannot work to mutual advantage." Dr. Liebknecht interrupted, shouting: "Whereupon you suddenly assault and strangle them!"

When Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg remarked, "Germany is only fighting in self-defense, does any one really believe in its insatiable greed for territory?" Dr. Liebknecht again arose and thundered, "Yes—certainly."

This called forth a storm of dissent.

VON JAGOW SUSPICIOUS.

Says Germans Think U. S. Has Agreement With Allies.

BERLIN, via London, April 7.—Germany has no designs against Canada after the war or against the Latin American countries, according to the statements made by Dr. von Jagow, the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an interview.

Enough to Do at Home.

"We shall have quite enough to do at home to safeguard our own position in the world," said Dr. von Jagow, "and we shall have enough to do at home to safeguard our own position in the world."

Some Shipped to Cui.

Some supplies for the American forces have been shipped to Cui, the Mexican Central, but they were not billed directly. They were shipped down to mining camps operating in the region of Cui and Chihuahua.

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